

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Macleod, et al.

Serial No.: 09/489,594

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
FORMING A ROTATABLE FERROFLUIDIC
SEAL BETWEEN A SHAFT AND A HUB

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

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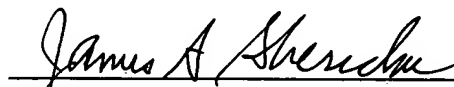
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 22, 2003

In response to the Office Action dated July 22, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 22, 2003, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/STL2801, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Applicant by his attorney hereby elects fig. 3, and claims 1-8, 10-20.

Respectfully submitted,


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